

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL D. RILEY, COMMISSIONER**

16-EO-04

**IN THE MATTER OF: Proclamation of State of Emergency by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin,
dated June 23, 2016.**

EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER

NOW COMES MICHAEL D. RILEY, Insurance Commissioner for the State of West Virginia (hereinafter “Commissioner”), by virtue of the authority vested in him pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 33-12B-11a, who does **FIND and DECLARE** as follows:

WHEREAS, on the twenty-third day of June, two thousand sixteen a severe storm event caused, among other things, significant rainfall, rockslides, mudslides, flooding and considerable damage to private and public property located in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, on the twenty-third day of June, two thousand sixteen, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin declared a State of Emergency in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, the storm event which occurred on the twenty-third day of June, two thousand sixteen poses a substantial and continuing threat to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the affected counties;

WHEREAS, there is a steady influx of claims being reported daily for real and personal property, commercial property, private passenger auto, commercial auto and flood damage resulting from the storm event which occurred on the twenty-third day of June, two thousand sixteen as homeowners and property owners discover property damage;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will continue to be newly reported claims in the coming weeks from this storm event;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the damages caused to private and public property during the severe storm event which occurred on the twenty-third day of June, two thousand sixteen are reasonably likely to produce a volume of claims that significantly exceeds the number of claims normally arising in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the number of licensed adjusters in the State of West Virginia is inadequate to properly meet the demand of the public during the emergency situation.

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED that an insurance emergency exists in Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commissioner authorizes the licensing of sufficient emergency adjusters to meet the demands of the public in the aforementioned counties;

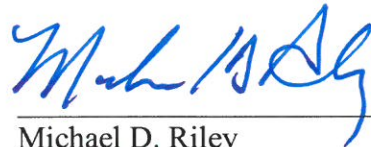
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that adjusters issued emergency licenses pursuant to this order shall be supervised by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that registration shall be by letter to the Commissioner by the supervising adjuster or insurance company within twenty (20) days of the date on which the non-licensed person begins adjusting activity in connection with the emergency situation;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such registration is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of the registration letter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an extension may be requested by the supervising adjuster or insurance company.

ORDERED this 28th day of June, 2016.



Michael D. Riley
Insurance Commissioner of the
State of West Virginia